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| For: SUBSTRATE OF TARGET    | ) |                            |
| SUBSTANCE DETECTION         | : |                            |
| ELEMENT TO BE USED IN       | ) |                            |
| APPARATUS FOR DETECTING     | : |                            |
| TARGET SUBSTANCE BY         | ) |                            |
| UTILIZING SURFACE PLASMON   | : |                            |
| RESONANCE AND DETECTION     | ) |                            |
| ELEMENT AND DETECTION       | : |                            |
| APPARATUS USING SAME        | ) | October 31, 2007           |

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese documents is found in the attached Abstract of each of the Japanese documents and corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication and PCT Publication.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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